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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ACTION DIRECTOR BALZANO

1. NEA/EGY LEARNED ON SEPTEMBER 16 THAT ACTION DIRECTOR
MICHAEL 0ALZANO, ACCOMPANIED BY THREE ACTION STAFF MEMBERS
WILL BE VISITING EGYPT SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH 25. WE ARE
INFORMED THAT HIS PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED BY PROFESSOR
NADIA ATIF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALEXANDRIA (TELE: 47272).

2. ACCOMPANYING DR. BALZANO WILL BE ELIZABETH PRESTRIDGE,
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, HARRY HOGAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR
POLICY AND PLANNING, AND VARTKES YEGHIAYAN, DIRECTOR OFFICE
OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS.

3. BALZANO PARTY ARRIVING CAIRO TWO 840, SEPTEMBER 21 AND
WILL BE MET BY PROFESSOR ATIF.

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4. ON BASIS OF FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO NEA/EG

BY ACTION STAFF, WE SURMISE THAT DETAILED PROGRAMMING HAS BEEN LEFT ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF PROFESSOR ATIF. ATIF APPARENTLY HAS ASSURED ACTION THAT DR. BALZANO WILL MEET WITH MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS ON SOME UNSPECIFIED DATE. STAFF TELLS US THAT ACTION GROUP PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN RESPONDING TO INTEREST EXPRESSED BY EGYPTIANS AT INTER-

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTARISM HELD IN VIENNA EARLIER THIS YEAR. ACTION OFFICERS NOT PREPARED TO TALK WITH EGYPTIANS ABOUT AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATION IN EGYPTIAN PROJECTS BUT DO WISH TO REVIEW WITH PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS THEIR NEEDS FOR QUOTE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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